Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – 2:00pm – Council Chambers -1st Floor

Committee Members Present:

John Anshus (Absent) Cindy Gilberts (2.0 hrs.) Joe Jax (Chair) (2.0 hrs.)

Bob Giede (Absent) Dennis Kropp (10.0 hr.) Mike Schendel (4.0 hrs.)

Mike Smith (1.0 hr.) Eric Sutherland (Absent) Monika Herrmann (0.0)

Others present: Randy Eide, Megen Hines, Tammy Eckert

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Jax. A sign-up sheet was passed around the room and volunteer hours were noted. May minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting and were reviewed. Dennis Kropp made a motion to accept those minutes and Cindy Gilberts seconded. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

LCIP Project by Galloway Creek:

No formal work has been done on the project in the past month. The project has slowed down quite a bit.

Introduction of new Urban Forestry Board Member:

Monika Herrmann has accepted the position to join the Urban Forestry Board. City Council has approved her request.

Dunn County Fair Booth:

Dick Henning has reserved a space for a booth at the Fair this year. The Fair will be held from Wednesday, July 27 thru Sunday the 31st at the Dunn County Fairgrounds.

Emerald Ash Borer:

Mike Smith informs the board that he spotted a small Ash Tree on the UW Stout grounds with Emerald Ash Borer. That tree is no longer there. Plans are to treat ALL trees. Trees are treated every two years. Mike explained to the board that it takes 50 years to get a good canopy of trees to grow.

Urban Forester Report:

City Tree Canopy Report: Still a work in progress

Stump Removal Update: The City of Menomonie crew works on taking the smaller stumps out and the City's contracted company Shackleton Tree Service takes care of the larger stumps.

<u>City Council Report</u>: Randy Eide reports

- The City of Menomonie is participating in the placing of Sculptures around the City.
- City Council extended the Community Garden for another 10 years. One half acre was added for a total of 2.5 acres. There is a waiting list to get in.
- The Lion's Club has plans to update their memorial in Wakanda Park on the corner of Game Park and Pine.
- The 2022 Stout Road Construction project starts Tuesday, June 21st.

Items for Next Meeting Agenda:

- Topic for the Fair Booth.
- Canopy Preservation ideas.
- Report on the general location of trees to be planted.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 2 pm Council Chambers – 1st Floor.

<u>Adjournment:</u> A motion was made by Cindy Gilberts to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mike Schendel. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by: Tammy Eckert